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# Significant Dates ▶

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[ASTERISK\* denotes ANNIVERSARIES. All others are CURRENT EVENTS]

- 1\* Soviet Red Army enters Yugoslavia under agreement with Tito providing for withdrawal on conclusion of military operations. (Only instance in East Europe where USSR honors such an agreement.) 1944.
- 3 International Conference on Children, Stockholm, sponsored by Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF), World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), and World Peace Council (WPC). (Communist)
- 4\* USSR launches first artificial earth satellite. 1957.
- 5\* Establishment of Communist Information Bureau (Cominform), successor to the Comintern, announced by Radio Moscow. 1947.
- 7\* German Democratic Republic (East German Communist regime) proclaimed. 1949.
- 10 Sixth Congress of International Organization of Journalists (IOJ) opens in East Berlin. (Communist)
- 10\* China, Wuchang Uprising begins Revolution against Monarchy, 1911. Fifty-fifth anniversary.
- 11\* Archbishop Stepinac sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in Communist Yugoslavia. 1946. Twentieth anniversary.
- 15 Afro-Asian Seminar on Agrarian Structure and Cooperatives ends; sponsored by UN/FAO in Warsaw and Copenhagen 21 September - 15 October.
- 17\* 22nd Congress of CPSU at which Khrushchev and Chou En-lai clash on issues of Stalinism and Albania. 1961. Fifth anniversary.
- 19-21\* Central Committee, Polish CP, defies Moscow elects Gomulka (only recently released from prison) as head of government. 1956. Tenth anniversary.
- 21\* UN condemns Chinese Communist suppression of Tibet. 1959.
- 22\* Offensive (Soviet) missile sites in Cuba confirmed. 1962.
- 23\* Hungarian student demonstration marks beginning of REVOLUTION. 1956. Tenth anniversary.
- 24 African seminar on political, social and economic problems, sponsored by communist magazine PROBLEMS OF 'PEACE AND SOCIALISM and AL-AHRAM in Cairo. Some 50 "national and progressive" African political party leaders said to be invited.
- 26\* Republic of Vietnam proclaimed. 1955.
- 29 Constituent Council of the Muslim World League. Saudi Arabia.
- International Scientific Session on the International Significance of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Sponsored by the USSR Academy of Sciences. (presumably in Moscow).

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# Media Lines

## Chicom Propaganda Chief Dismissed

In its vast continuing political purge, the Chicom Party replaced Lu Ting-yi first as head of Party propaganda operations, and then a few weeks later as Minister of Culture. Tao Chu, long very prominent in South China party politics, is the new propaganda chief. As of 30 July, Hsiao Wang-tung assumed the position of Acting Minister of Culture. [unclassified]

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# Briefly Noted

15 August 1966

Small vs. ASIAN LEADER SUPPORTS  
Larger US ACTION IN VIETNAM.  
Fishes

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore strongly approves of US military action in the Vietnam war: "I do not believe that there (should) be any premature or precipitate withdrawal from Vietnam." The war is being fought "to decide that Vietnam will not be repeated." Lee further says, "What you want is a formula which will give the Vietnamese their right of self-determination. ... (the war) is only worthwhile if there is a credible formula and a credible undertaking that the same process will not be repeated on the periphery after South Vietnam."

Citing the cost to the US in human sacrifice, Lee states that it is "unrealistic" to believe that others will always "buy time" for them. He calls upon the smaller countries of SEAsia to engage in cooperative relations providing, in the next 10 to 15 years, for the constructive development of each and the mutual defense of all against any threat from larger Asian nations -- obviating the need to call for outside help. "If you look at that map," he says, "you will find that there is one reason why these chaps all belong to one camp. It is because they all share a common land frontier -- Russia, Eastern Europe; Russia, China; China, North Korea; China, North Vietnam; North Vietnam, South Vietnam. If South Vietnam disappears, can you imagine the problems of Prince Souvanna Phouma? ... And

what about so many of our other friends in Southeast Asia?"

Lee's remarks, quoted above, were in answer to questions posted after an address entitled "Big and Small Fishes in Asian Waters" which he delivered at the University of Singapore on June 15 (released to the press on June 22). Eschewing ideological issues, the thrust of his address was that, given the existence of unequal nations, smaller SEAsian countries must in common need put aside the mutually destructive pursuit of national ethnic interests -- which he illustrates from Asian and European experience -- for a multi-ethnic approach to problems. Lee Kuan Yew is a Socialist who has often been critical of the US and of the West generally. His recognition that US intervention in Vietnam is a historic necessity for Asia's freedom is therefore especially significant and deserves all practicable publicity, replay and commentary. [See attachment for excerpts from Address and Q-A period.]

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Another Call  
For A Popular  
Front

WEST GERMAN COM-  
MUNIST PARTY BAN  
ANNIVERSARY NOTED

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the banning by the West German Constitutional Court of the German Communist Party (KPD), 17 August, the party's Central Committee in East Germany issued a declaration which was broadcast over the ostensible clandestine

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"German Freedom Station 904" and published in the 30 July issue of East Berlin's Neues Deutschland.

After calling for the reestablishment of the KPD as a legal party, an understanding on "ways of achieving rapprochement between the two German states and governments in the interests of detente and sober relations on the basis of peaceful coexistence" and on "integration of the two German states in a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe," and other standard World Communist Movement demands (stop U.S. "aggression" in Vietnam, etc.), the declaration continues:

"The time has come for Social Democrats, Communists, and trade unionists to discuss how the effects of the sole rule of the monopolies and the incorrect economic policy of the Erhard government can be opposed. The working class must face the monopolies and government with an economic policy of its own."

We treat this well-worn call for a West German "popular front" by recalling that the Soviets, as one of their first steps in imposing a Communist dictatorship in East Germany, manipulated the suppression of the Social Democrats and the free trade unions.

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Communist	<u>NEW BOOKS ON VIETNAM</u>
Aggression	
Documented	Two recent books present the case of communist aggression in Vietnam from different approaches with effective style and subject matter.

TERROR IN VIETNAM is a well written document by journalist Jay Mallin who names persons and places and uses first-hand photographs from his own investigation and on-the-spot reporting. The book is a special edition of D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc. (Toronto, NY and London) and is not attributed to the US government. It will be sold throughout the Far East, Near East and Latin America through USIA's Low-Priced Books distributors (12,500 copies slated for commercial distribution) and 2,400 copies will be given to USIS posts for presentation copies. Worldwide translation rights have been obtained and posts have been requested to promote local translations.

VIETNAM: SEEN FROM EAST AND WEST, edited by Sibnarayan Ray and published by Thomas Nelson Ltd in Australia, has an advantage in its non-US source and the fact that most of the authors are Asian or Australian. The Editor's essay, in reflecting the individual chapters on communist activities in Asian countries (e.g., Korea, Laos, Philippines), points out that the most dangerous communist threat to a country combines both external aggression and internal subversion. He says that the failure of Asian countries to develop stable, strong or popular governments exposes them to communist takeover: he calls for unity among them and says that Western commitment to Asia is essential to freedom. "China's ambitions are already global; with the West in retreat, its aggressiveness will no longer have any bounds."

Both books are inexpensive paperback editions.